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1. IN REFERENCE TO YOUR COMMENT (PARA 4 OF REF A), WE
HAD HOPED THAT U.S.-MALAYSIA AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED,
AND MAP EXCHANGES INITIATED, BEFORE ENGAGING IN DETAILED
DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO
DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL MAPPING, MALAYSIA (DNMM). THIS WAS
TENOR OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PREVIOUS DIRECTOR, DNMM, MR. KOK
SWEE TUCK, DURING HIS VISIT TO DMA IN MARCH 1975. IF
MR. FOO, THE NEW DIRECTOR, WERE TO INSIST ON REACHING
A TENTATIVE UNDERSTANDING ON THE SCOPE OF POSSIBLE
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ASSISTANCE BEFORE THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED, WE WOULD
ANTICIPATE FURTHER DELAYS IN NEGOTIATIONS. NEVERTHELESS,
WE ARE TAKING AS POSITIVE APPROACH AS POSSIBLE TO POINTS
RAISED BY MR. FOO IN HOPES AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS CAN MOVE
AHEAD.

2. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO MR. FOO'S POINTS, KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS IN REF A, HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH DMA.

(A) PARA 2. WE ASSUMED MR. FOO WAS REFERRING TO ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5, WHICH DISCUSSED GEODETIC SURVEY ASSISTANCE, RATHER THAN ARTICLES IV AND V, WHICH DO NOT PERTAIN TO ASSISTANCE. DMA WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER DNMM ASSISTANCE SIMILAR TO THAT OFFERED TO THAILAND FOR THOSE CARTOGRAPHIC PHASES DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5. IF REQUESTED BY DNMM, DMA WOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING A DOPPLER GEODETIC TEAM TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING GEODETIC CONTROL FOR MAPPING PURPOSES. DMA WOULD ALSO ASSIST IN COMPUTATION AND ADJUSTMENT OF GEODETIC CONTROL. U.S. ASSISTANCE IN AERIAL PHOTOGRAMMETRIC TRIANGULATION, COMPILATION AND REPRODUCTION OF MAPS AND CHARTS IS WRITTEN INTO PARAGRAPH 5. THE EXTENT OF U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR THESE PHASES WOULD, OF COURSE, BE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF DMA RESOURCES AT THE TIME.

(B) PARA 2. FORMAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR DNMM PEOPLE IN USE OF LANDSAT IMAGERY AND REMOTE SENSING DATA IN NATURAL RESOURCE MAPPING IS NOT AVAILABLE AT DMA. SUCH PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE AT U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY'S DATA CENTER IN SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND ATTENDEES FROM FOREIGN NATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO FUND THEIR OWN ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING TUITION. DMA WOULD OFFER TRAINING IN CARTOGRAPHIC DISCIPLINES AT THE DEFENSE MAPPING SCHOOL AND WOULD ALSO OFFER OJT AT ONE OF THE DMA PRODUCTION CENTERS IN SPECIFIC CARTOGRAPHIC DISCIPLINES. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM WOULD BE AT MALAYSIAN EXPENSE; DMA WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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ABSORB DIRECT TRAINING COSTS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE INSTRUCTION IN DMA USE OF LANDSAT MATERIAL; HOWEVER, USE OF THESE MATERIALS BY DMA HAS BEEN VERY LIMITED.

(C) PARA 3. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER MR. FOO'S PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL WORDING SIMILAR TO THOSE IN MALAYSIA-UK MAP EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WOULD SUBSTITUTE FOR, OR BE IN ADDITION TO, EXISTING PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE III. OUR PREVIOUS OBJECTION TO A MALAYSIAN AMENDMENT OF PARAGRAPH 1 (REF B) WAS THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE U.S. TO PROVIDE TO MALAYSIA MATERIALS DEVELOPED BY THIRD COUNTRIES THOSE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH U.S. MIGHT RESTRICT SUCH TRANSFER. ADDITIONAL WORDING MR. FOO WOULD PROPOSE DOES NOT ELIMINATE OUR CONCERN ON THIS POINT. HOWEVER, WE WOULD ACCEPT MALAYSIAN VERION OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE III IF MR. FOO'S PROPOSED WORKDING WERE MODIFIED TO READ:

"THE EXCHANGE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ANY LIMITATIONS IMPOSED

BY SECURITY OR ANY OTHER RESTRICTIVE CAVEATS SPECIFIED BY
EITHER GOVERNMENT OR A THIRD PARTY AND EITHER PARTY MAY
REFUSE TO EXCHANGE ANY MAPS, DATA, AND ALLIED MATERIAL HIS
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS TO BE CLASSIFIED MATERIALS. CLASSIFIED

MATERIAL WHICH IS EXCHANGED WILL BE AFFORDED THE SAME
DEGREE OF PROTECTION BY EACH PARTY.,

3. MR. CHARLES H. ANDREGG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MANAGEMENT
AND TECHNOLOGY, DMA, PLANS TO ATTEND UNITED NATIONS
REGIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK DURING 17-28
JANUARY 1977. YOU MAY EXPLAIN TO MR. FOO THAT MR. ANDREGG
WOULD BE MOST HAPPY TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF POSSIBLE U.S.
ASSISTANCE TO DNMM WITH HIM IN BANGKOK AND WOULD ALSO BE
WILLING TO VISIT MR. FOO IN KUALA LUMPUR FOLLOWING UN
CONFERENCE IF SUCH VISIT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IN ADVANCING
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. IF SUCH VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL,
DMA WOULD NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM MR. FOO IN
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ADVANCE REGARDING SPECIFIC TYPES OF TRAINING ASSISTANCE
AND LEVEL OF PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED.

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